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1. ALTHOUGH APPRECIATE THAT LINC AND PRESUMABLY CADICK ARE FULLY AWARE OF DISASTERS WHICH CAN RESULT WHEN FORCES ESSENTIALLY OF UNCONVENTIONAL AND GUERRILLA TYPE AND STRENGTH ATTEMPT TO EMPLOY TACTICS AND ESPECIALLY DEFENSIVE ~~TACTICS~~ TACTICS OF UNCONVENTIONAL FORCES, WE ARE CONCERNED BY INDICATIONS CONTAINED IN SOME OF THE TRAFFIC, INCLUDING PARAS 5 AND 6 OF REF MESSAGE THAT CALLIGERIS FIELD FORCES MAY BE ABOUT TO FALL INTO THIS FATAL ERROR.

2. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT IT IS PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR INDOCTRINATION IN GUERRILLA TACTICS OF DISPERSAL IN THE FACE OF SUPERIOR FORCE, FOLLOWED BY REASSEMBLY IN OTHER PLACES AT LATER TIME. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THIS IDEA ACROSS TO UNITS FACED WITH IMMINENT ATTACK BY SUPERIOR FORCES, WE THINK IT WOULD BE WELL TO MAKE THE EFFORT.

3. THIS AFFAIR CAN GO ON FOR SOME TIME AND THERE IS NO PRESENT DISPOSITION HERE TO ABANDON THE EFFORT AS LONG AS THERE IS ANY POSSIBLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. HENCE THERE IS EVERY REASON WHY WE SHOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN A FORCE IN BEING IN THE FIELD AND ONE GOOD WAY OF DOING THIS IS

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TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE UNITS WHEN ATTACKED SHALL EMPLOY TACTICS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THEIR BEING SURROUNDED, CUT OFF AND CHEWED UP.

4. WE KNOW YOU WILL NOT CONSIDER THIS AS A LECTURE DIRECTED TO LINC AND WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS DICTATED BY OUR CONCERN ON THE SCORE THAT CALLIGERIS AND HIS LIEUTENANTS MAY BE ADOPTING THE WRONG TACTICS FOR REASONS OF FACE OR PRESTIGE, OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE AND INEXPERIENCE. GOOD GUERRILLA FIGHTERS ARE NOT BORN AND REGULAR SOLDIERS DO NOT EASILY ACCEPT THE NECESSITY OF EMPLOYING GUERRILLA TACTICS. USUALLY THESE LESSONS HAVE TO BE LEARNED THE HARD WAY AND THE PRESENT SITUATION MAY NOT AFFORD THE TIME OR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS TO BE DONE.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO DICTATION OF FOREGOING GUAT 936 (IN 21312) RECEIVED, PARA ONE OF WHICH GIVES ADDED POINT TO OUR SUGGESTION.

END OF MESSAGE

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